

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 9 October 2012 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1135 hours at the Spirit of Fort Hood Warrior and Family Chapel, Fort Hood Texas.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

GEN (Ret) Griffin, Co-Chairman
CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member
COL (Ret) Somera, Jr. Member
COL (Ret) Gauer, Member
LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member
LTC (Ret) Christ, Member

LTC (Ret) MacMillan, Member
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Assoc. Member
CSM (Ret) Small, Member
CSM (Ret) Bobb, Member
SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member

b. Members Absent:

MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member
COL (Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member
CSM (Ret) King, Jr. Member
MSG (Ret) Wood, Member
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member
Mrs. Greathouse, (Widow) Member

3. The Co-Chairman, GEN (Ret) Griffin called the meeting to order and welcomed the council. Guests for the meeting included: COL Elledge, Garrison Commander; CSM Gault, Garrison Command Sergeant Major; CPT Ziegler, Army Wellness Center; and Ms. Tammy Nickles, GKCC.

- GEN (Ret) Griffin welcomed the Garrison Commander and CSM and stated we are here to support the commander and serve the retirees.
- GEN (Ret) Griffin recognized COL Gauer for his service and support while serving on the council as this was his last meeting.
- CSM (Ret) Minosky recognized COL Gauer for the \$5,000 he obtained for updating the club system and assisting with the payment of all club bills.
- GEN (Ret) Griffin introduced Ms. Tammy Nickles and CPT Ziegler.

4. Topics of discussion for this meeting:

- COL Elledge spoke to the group saying how much he appreciated our support. He referred to us as his scouts and said we can call or email him anytime. Explaining how his job is the bill payer for the post, Col Elledge said his goal is to make necessary cuts due to funding decreases but without his customers (soldiers, retirees, family members, etc.) feeling the pain. He updated the council on the status of several events ongoing. First Retiree Day is the 26th and 27th; he said the AAR for this event is important to determine if the post is

doing its job and meeting the needs of customers. Second the stadium is going up and will be used on the 19th for a local football game. Palmer theater will be opening on Oct 19th as well.

- CSM Gualt said he echoes COL Elledge's remarks. He stated he is a line dog; there to help soldiers and families. Thanking the council for continuing to serve, the CSM said if he can help fix anything just call.
- Retiree Day coming up on Oct 26 and 27, was discussed in length. CPT Ziegler gave an update on the shots to be offered. They have identified all volunteers to assist with their portion of the retiree events. Flu, Shingles, and Tetanus shots will be given. They will have both the shot and mist for the flu vaccine. On Friday shots will be given at the Copeland Center in addition to some self-care classes. Saturday shots will be given at the Community Bingo Center. GEN (Ret) Griffin asked what has been done to get the word out about the shots. CSM Bobb recommended signs be posted at the Copeland Center. GEN (Ret) Griffin said to make sure the signs are posted and get some posted at the Clear Creek Refill Clinic. He said to make sure this is done and told CPT Ziegler and Ms. Bedgood to send the information out to all council members in order for them to send it out to their respective retirees. Ms. Nickles reported that the dinner Saturday night has 162 signed up thus far. Last year they had a total of 220. Ms. Bedgood gave a briefing regarding the events for each day of the Retiree Day. A copy of the schedule is attached (Encl 1). She went through each event. The dinner on Friday night is full. She reported that everything is on track except getting the word out on shots. There will be signs posted giving directions for the various activities. Getting the word out to retirees was a concern. The newsletter went out. COL Gauer recommended putting information out on channel 6 and 10. Ms. Bedgood said she will go through Public Affairs. GEN (Ret) Griffin said the focus should be around General Campbell and the Surgeon General at the opening ceremony. He wants to make certain they (retirees) are told where they need to be and how to get there. It was decided that the door prizes would be given out after the Surgeon General departs. CSM (Ret) Minosky will assign council members to attend the various events and complete After Action Review (AAR) for each one. He will send it to the council via email. The date for the AAR has not been set. GEN (Ret) Griffin told everyone if they see something that can be improved to tell the person in charge and put it in the AAR. SFC (Ret) Evan-Quickley said there were problems at SJA with parking for handicap, lack of seating, and long wait times last year. The Garrison Commander said he will take a look at that. Transportation will be provided from the club to each location.
- Potential new council members were identified. It was decided to bring CSM (Ret) Waller on board now. COL (Ret) Portman said Kathy Hole would be a good replacement for Mrs. Greathouse. Mrs. Greathouse will be stepping down after Retiree Day. The council members are to look at the other candidates and further discussion will be done at our next meeting.

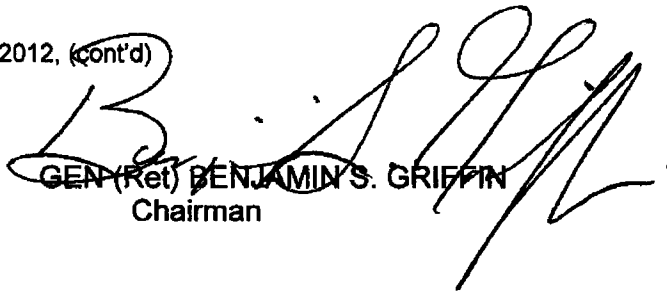
5. Individual Council Member Updates:

- **Health Care Advisory Council Update.** COL (Ret) Portmann stated that weekend acute care is available to retirees if assigned to one of the clinics. Clinics have a new automated refill system. Satisfaction reports from customers has improved. On 3 Nov there will be a baby expo at the Women's Center. Registration is open at the Cove clinic for retirees. Red Cross needs volunteers. They hold orientations on Thursday. Flu shots are being given in the area but not at Wal-Greens.
- **Volunteer Activities.** LTC (Ret) Woodward gave an update on volunteer opportunities and upcoming activities on post. Make a Difference Day is the same day as Retiree Day. There are 103 projects scheduled for that day and only 50 organizations have adopted some. Big Brothers and Sisters of Killeen needs volunteers. There are opportunities for military mentoring.
- **AAFES Update.** COL (Ret) Somera reported that the PX has been revamped. There was an issue of the isle size shrinking and not suitable for handicapped. He spoke to the manager about it. Power Zone moved from Warrior Way to the main PX and has been completed. There will be a joint meeting with AAFES and DECA tomorrow. COL (Ret) Somera will attend along with LTC (Ret) MacMillan. SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley brought up the fact that she is an alternate on the AAFES team. GEN (Ret) Griffin said he was in the PX last week and there was a problem with getting an electronic cart for a VN veteran amputee at Clear Creek. COL (Ret) Somera said the problem is that the ID card checker is supposed to keep the carts charged but can't because she is checking IDs. This issue will be brought up at the meeting tomorrow.
- **Commissary Council Update.** CW3 (Ret) Hanger stated he has several issues he will bring up at the meeting tomorrow. First was the problem with carts being placed outside the commissary and having to go in get their ID checked go back to get a cart then have to show their ID again. Second was regarding the amount you can write a check over the amount and the fact that you can't get cash back with a credit card. At this time, GEN (Ret) Griffin presented CW3 (Ret) Hanger with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 26 years on the council. CW3 (Ret) Hanger will be a honorary associate member now.

6. Closing Remarks were made by GEN (Ret) Griffin and the meeting was adjourned.

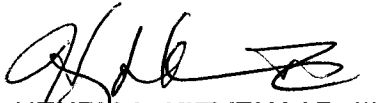
7. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 10 Jan 2012(T), Location: TBD

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